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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director for Intelligence
FROM: Acting Director of Soviet Analysis
SUBJECT: Comments on USDR&E Posture Statement

1. We have completed our annual review of the draft USDR&E Posture Statement (copy attached) and find its use of dollar cost comparisons in violation of the agreement struck in July. We propose that our response to Wade should stick to that point and indicate that all such data should be removed from the draft. Also attached is a draft memorandum along this line. We do have a number of specific comments, suggestions and corrections about the use of cost comparisons in the Posture Statement but will not pass those along, since the operative issue is to delete them. OSWR also reviewed the draft and had no comments.

2. As an aside, information we have from Paul Berenson, Wade's Special Assistant, suggests that a reclama on the use of cost comparisons is likely. One danger here is that USDR&E might argue that use of non-CIA-supplied comparisons would not violate current understandings. USDR&E has funded contractor development of some defense cost comparisons in the past. Use of these along with extrapolations of our earlier figures could serve their purposes but would clearly represent a much lower quality analytical product than our own present data. Besides we would then lose total control of the substance and quality of the work.

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DIA review Completed.

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Dr. James P. Wade
Acting Under Secretary of Defense,
Research and Engineering
Washington, D. C. 20301

Dear Dr. Wade:

We have completed our review of the "For Comment" draft of your FY 1986 Posture Statement to Congress and found it to contain an extensive presentation of dollar cost comparisons between US and Soviet defense activities. [redacted]

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As you know, it was agreed at a 20 July meeting between the Director of Central Intelligence and Secretary Weinberger that OSD would refrain from requesting or using comparative expenditures in budget-related presentations and other OSD publications. A Memorandum For The Record which summarizes that agreement was signed by General Williams and myself on 25 July. In the spirit of that agreement, the comparative dollar cost data in the text and tables in Chapter II (pp.7-8) and Chapter IV (pp. 1-34) should be removed. [redacted]

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Your annual Posture Statement is important to Congress as a source of information on Soviet defense activities. We are pleased to be able to contribute to the success of this document and are willing to help in any way possible, subject to our agreed policy on the use of dollar cost comparisons. [redacted]

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Sincerely,

[redacted signature]

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Robert M. Gates
Deputy Director for Intelligence

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